

SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING USER
IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network includes a service selection gateway that receives information from a network user in order to establish a communications session and an identity of the network user. A client service gateway can receive a request from the network user upon establishment of the communications session. The network user has a network locator address within the network. In response to the request, the client service gateway determines if there is an association in a local memory for the network locator address and an identity of the network user. The client service gateway obtains additional information associated with the network user in response to the association being stored in the local memory. The client service gateway processes the request according to the additional information. If an association is not stored in the local memory, the client service gateway sends a query for the identity of the network user to the service selection gateway. The client service gateway receives the identity of the network user from the service selection gateway in response to the query. The client service gateway stores the identity of the network user and the association with the network locator address in the local memory.

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